

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2455
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018

BILATERAL TALKS WITH CHINA AND RUSSIA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the leaders of India, Russia and China met for mutual talks during the G-20 summit and discussed some important issues there;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) the issues discussed in the said meeting;
- (d) whether any scheme/plan was prepared/formulated for implementation of any of these issues after discussions; and
- (e) if so, the details of the plan/scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Vladimir V Putin of the Russian Federation and President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China, held a Trilateral Meeting in Buenos Aires on November 30, 2018 in the sidelines of the G-20 Summit.

(b) & (c) The three leaders exchanged views on expanding mutual cooperation in the international fora, and to encourage greater interaction among the three countries. They agreed on the importance of reform and strengthening of multilateral institutions which have benefitted the world, including the United Nations, WTO and well-established as well as new global financial institutions. They underscored the benefits of a multilateral trading system and an open world economy for global growth and prosperity. The three leaders also agreed to have regular consultations at all levels to jointly promote international and regional peace and stability, to strengthen cooperation through BRICS, SCO and EAS mechanisms, to address global challenges such as terrorism and climate change, and to encourage peaceful resolution of all differences.

(d) & (e) The three leaders, acknowledged the importance of cooperation in the RIC format and have agreed to hold further such trilateral meetings on multilateral occasions.
